

1 DELEGATE ADKINS: If it does, perhaps the amend-
2 ment isn't necessary. My thought is the language,
3 confrontation, does not guarantee the right of cross-
4 examination.

5 THE CHAIRMAN: The Chair certainly doesn't want
6 to speak with authority on it, but I always understood that
7 the confrontation clause meant that you be confronted with
8 the witnesses in the course of trial and that due process
9 required that you have opportunity to cross-examine.

10 DELEGATE ADKINS: If the Chair can speak
11 authoritatively on that case, I won't press the amendment.
12 I know of no case, the Committee Report suggests no report
13 and discussing the matter with the General Assembly, they
14 know of no definitive meaning of confrontation which means
15 confrontation includes as a matter of absolute constitutional
16 right the mater of cross-examination.

17 THE CHAIRMAN: May I make this suggestion that
18 the amendment be passed over, request Mr. Smith on the
19 Committee Staff if he could research that overnight and the
20 answer may or may not be in order. I don't know.

21 DELEGATE ADKINS: I am perfectly willing to